

Mansfield Public Schools

Board of Education Update

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Information regarding the current status of the Mansfield Public Schools: items, issues, challenges, and opportunities district staff addressed during the month, as well as upcoming district and school events.

Enrollment

Gr.	GW		SE		VN		MMS		Total
		+/-*		+/-*		+/-*		+/-*	
PK	32	4/4	30	7/7	29	1/4			91
K	45	6/2	48	2/5	42	4/6			135
1	33	0/3	47	3/7	47	8/4			127
2	38	4/2	43	1/3	51	6/5			132
3	29	1/0	35	1/4	53	7/7			117
4	43	3/2	43	4/3	43	6/5	1	1/0	130
PK-4									732
5							139	9/4	139
6							141	5/3	141
7							140	10/9	140
8							141	0/3	141
# Boys	125		120		131		299		
# Girls	95		126		134		263		
Total	220	18/13	246	17/29	265	32/31	562	25/19	1293

Home school: 13 students from 8 families

	GW	SE	VN	MMS	District
Immigrant Children*	9	16	4	10	39
ELL**	17	9	9	9	44

*Eligible immigrant children are defined as a) ages 3-21 enrolled full-time in school, b) not born in any state, c) have not been attending 1 or more schools in 1 or more states for more than 3 full academic years.

**English Language Learners

District Performance Targets (12-13)

Indicator	Participation Rate (11-12)	DPI (11-12)	Baseline DPI (3 yr. Avg.)	DPI Perf. Target (12-13)
DPI*	100.0%	88.9	88.1	Maintain
Students w/ Disabilities	100.0%	60.8	59.4	61.7
Free/Reduced Eligible	100.0%	76.7	76.4	77.4
Hispanic	100.0%	79.7	80.5	81.1
ELL	100.0%	64.1	64.1	66.1
Reading	99.6%	87.6	86.6	86.7
Mathematics	100.0%	90.7	90.3	Maintain
Writing	99.6%	89.3	88.3	Maintain
Science	100.0%	88.5	90.5	Maintain

* District Performance Index

Connecticut Mastery Test Results

##% of students at/above goal – March 2012

Grade	Math	Writing	Reading	Science
3 – 125	100/82.0	90/72.0	88/71.5	n/a
4 – 135	111/82.8	107/79.3	107/80.4	n/a
5 – 146	121/82.8	101/69.7	104/78.2	117/80.2
6 – 140	121/86.4	125/89.9	121/86.4	n/a
7 – 140	111/79.3	110/78.6	122/87.1	n/a
8 – 146	107/73.8	118/81.4	122/84.7	114/78.0

Students not reaching goal in one or more areas: (2012-2013 grade)

Gr. 4 – 51/40.8%	Gr. 7 – 28/20.0%
Gr. 5 – 38/28.1%	Gr. 8 – 46/32.6%
Gr. 6 – 63/43.1%	Gr. 9 – 51/34.9%

Budget

- Food Service Comparison:

September – May 2012		September – May 2013	
Paid Meals	Total Meals	Paid Meals	Total Meals
85,254	144,996	82,652	138,513

- Board adopted 2013-2014 Budget of \$20,941,020 (+1.7%) on March 14, 2013.
- Reduced 2013-2014 budget to \$20,588,160 (0%) as directed by Town Council at April 24, 2013 meeting.
- Attended Town Meeting. Voter's approved increasing BOE Budget by \$200,000.

Personnel

	Certified	Non-Certified
Retirements	0	1
Resignations	0	0
Requests for Leave	0	0
New Hires	0	0
Reduction in Force	0	0

- Continued to facilitate Southeast Principal Search Committee meetings.
- Facilitated postings of anticipated certified staff openings.
- Participated in all certified staff search committees.

District: Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

Including Instructional Technology Applications

- Continued Study Island software program for all district grade 3 and 4 students to use both at school and at home.
- Facilitated a year one implementation plan for *CPM: Core Connections Series*, grades 6-8 mathematics.
- Facilitated a year five implementation plan for *Bridges in Mathematics*.
- Facilitated a year twelve implementation plan for Houghton Mifflin: *Legacy of Literacy*.
- Continued implementation of Language Arts Program Review.

Policies

- Implemented revised MBOE Policies approved at September 13, 2012 meeting.
- Continued to explore the possibility of MBOE/Region 19 Policies revised concurrently.
- Facilitated posting of revised MBOE Policies on website.
- Met with Policy Committee to review Religious Pluralism Policy.

Security

- Continued the implementation of required crisis prevention drills for all schools with emergency management officials.
- Continued the implementation of Tabletop Emergency Procedures Drill preparation.
- Presented Security Update to Board of Education.
- Implemented revised Emergency Procedures which include locking of exterior doors at all times unless door is staffed.

Building and Grounds

- Implemented a new online work order system.
- Continued to resolve issues related to MMS greenhouse.
- Continued to work on above ground oil tank issue at Vinton.

Maintenance Work Requests, May 2013						
	GW	SE	VN	MMS	Total	
Complete	19	11	5	13	48	44%
New	1	5	3	7	16	15%
Pending	5	8	3	2	18	16%
In Progress	6	9	9	3	27	25%
Total	31	33	20	25	109	100%

Professional Development

- Supported the continued development of school data teams.
- Facilitated District Technology Committee meeting.
- Implemented District Common Core State Standards as outlined in district plan.
- Facilitated District Professional Development Committee meeting regarding Professional Learning and Evaluation Plan.
- Facilitated District Grade Level K-4 CCSS Math and Language Arts professional development.
- Facilitated 5-8 Writing Prompt scoring.
- Facilitated 2013-2014 UCONN Intern orientation.

Technology Administrative Applications

- Continued implementation of HealthOffice Software.
- Continued implementation of automated system for recording substitutes.
- Continued conversion to Horizon library system software.
- Supported training and development of PowerSchool software.
- Continued implementation of Pearson Limelight Inform to track student assessment data to inform instruction.
- Continued implementation of AlertNow software program for transportation and school delays/closings to parents/guardians.
- Attended Quarterly IT Management Meeting.
- Continued implementation of MMS Parent Portal.

Programs

Study Island Through May 25, 2013							
Grade 3				Grade 4			
Math		Reading		Math		Reading	
Q*	% Correct	Q*	% Correct	Q*	% Correct	Q*	% Correct
24,470	84.5	14,609	74.1	29,854	84.1	19,615	77.8

*Number of questions attempted on grade level

Energy

- Facilitated school building energy committees.
- Continued to facilitate guidelines for after school building use in an effort to reduce energy consumption.
- Monitored use of energy efficient refrigerators to replace classroom use of small refrigerators.
- Continued monitoring of gas heat & electric energy charges at MMS due to fuel conversion project.
- Discussed with finance and maintenance department common comprehensive energy management system.
- Discussed with town staff the use of an energy management consultant to facilitate and maximize cost savings.

Other

- Attended School Safety: It's Everybody's Business workshop.
- Attended CCM Emergency Management Symposium.
- Attended CAS Administration Evaluation Training.
- Attended Growth Mindset workshop.
- Attended Using a School-Linked Services Approach to Solve Chronic Absenteeism.
- Attended CAS iPads in the School Environment workshop.
- Met with State's Attorney regarding use of Student Guardian.
- Attended CAPSS Assessment & Accountability Committee meeting.
- Attended Collective Bargaining Workshop.
- Attended CAPSS Leadership Summit.
- Attended How Welcoming is Your School Workshop.

Communication

- Attended Hockanum and URSA Superintendents' meeting
- Attended MAC meeting.
- Facilitated 4 Administrative Council meetings.
- Attended Superintendents' Legal Issues Forum.
- Held Community Conversations at all four schools.
- Held monthly meetings with all bargaining groups.
- Held Facilities Management monthly meeting.
- Participated in quarterly meeting of Town Manager, Superintendent, Finance Director, and Facilities Management Director.
- Attended meeting with Senator Williams with Mansfield officials and Board Chair.
- Attended MMS Getting to Know You night.
- Facilitated Wellness Policy Advisory Committee meeting.

MMS PowerSchool Parent Portal

Access Statistics 1/21/13-5/27/13	
Total sign ins by parents	5,757
Total sign ins by students	14,356
Total sign ins by parents & students combined	20,114
Number of students whose records were accessed	538 of 562
Avg. length of parent visit (minutes)	11.1
Avg. length of student visit (minutes)	14.6
Avg. number of parent sign ins per day	35.5
Avg. number of student sign ins per day	85.8
Avg. number of parent & students sign ins per day combined	121.3
Email Requests	
Number of parents signed up to receive progress via email	97

Additional information will be provided upon request by calling 429.3350 or by emailing mboesupt@mansfieldct.org.

Mansfield Public Schools Monthly Memorable Moments

Goodwin School

- Once again this May, Goodwin students are participating in Walk to School Wednesdays. Students and parents meet several staff members at Holinko Estates to walk to school. This year, through the cooperation of Durham Bus Company, students who ride busses that pass near Holinko can be dropped off to join the walk. The group is escorted by two members of the State Police and we walk rain or shine. Mrs. Anne Wiant Rudd organizes this annual event. Over the past three years, participation has risen from 40 students to our record 140 students!
- Spring is in the air and Goodwin's youngest students are enjoying their Spring Spruce Up time. Several times a week, preschoolers can be seen pulling their wagon filled with shovels and rakes from the Greenhouse to the water garden. The group has raked and cleaned out the entire area and have had the added excitement of finding frogs, tadpoles, bugs and newly sprouting flowers.... All the things that make spring exciting for a four year old

Southeast School

- The E.O. Smith Leo Club, a community service organization, teamed up with the animal shelter club to have a spring clothing, food, eyeglass and pet supplies drive at the Mansfield schools and town hall. The spring clothing went to the Windham Area Interfaith Ministry (WAIM) and non-perishable food went to the Willimantic Covenant Soup Kitchen, and the eyeglasses were sent to people in need across the world. The pet supplies were brought to the Mansfield Animal Shelter to help the animals feel more at home.
- To celebrate Screen Free Week, the PTO planned a family hike through the Mansfield Hollow State Park. The event occurred on Friday, May 3rd 6:15 p.m. Sue Harrington led the group of over 100 children and adults on the hike which started at Southeast. Fellow Southeast families enjoyed one another's company and the great outdoors.
- As part of Screen-Free Week (April 29th – May 3rd), over fifty Prek-4 Southeast students, participated on Thursday, May 2nd at our annual talent show. The evening opened with Tim Newmyer, a fourth grader, singing "God Bless America". There were a total of 27 acts which included some of the following performances: "Gavvot" was played on the Cello by third grader Aaron Kaufold; Emerson Ballou, a fourth grader sang "Almost There"; Step Dancing to "Manamana" was performed by first graders Aya Lima, Tessa Gile, Ella Johnston and Casey Plamer; Madison Dunstan and Bridget Olson, third graders, did a Hula-hoop performance; and Tess Johnston shared her artwork. The evening ended with Yuria Yamamoto and her father playing a number on their guitars. The Southeast School Talent Show was a most enjoyable Screen-Free event!

Vinton School

- On Thursday, May 2, families familiar with and new to Vinton joined us for our Kindergarten Parent Night. This is an evening to acquaint parents with the Kindergarten program, and to get to know each other a little better, or for the first time. Parents are given name tags in the shape of houses, and organized by color according to their neighborhood. Everyone is encouraged to introduce themselves to their neighbors. An overview of the Kindergarten curriculum is presented, along with the daily routine. Parents are always surprised to hear their Kindergarten's graduation date for next year's Kindergarteners will be 2026!
- On Thursday, May 30, the Vinton Kindergarten classes paid a return visit to the Mansfield Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center. We spent a few minutes with the residents, singing some springtime songs and delivering cards we had made in school. We also showed off our reading skills by reading books to our senior friends. Everyone had fun and it sure seemed to brighten the day at the nursing home!

Vinton School continued

- On Friday, May 3, the third grade students from all 3 elementary schools went bowling at Lucky Strike Lanes in Mansfield. This trip is the culminating activity to our Physical Education bowling unit. This field trip is an opportunity for our third graders to meet their future MMS classmates. We do a similar trip next year in the fourth grade when we take them ice skating. Some friends and families joined us for a whole morning of fun.

Mansfield Middle School

- Each year Latin students in grades 7 and 8 participate in the National Latin Exam. This year 43 students received recognition for their high achievement: 23 awards were given to Grade 7 students who took the Introductory level exam and 20 students in Grade 8 who took the Level I high school exam. (Over 154,000 students from all 50 states and 15 foreign countries participated in this year's exam.) The students also participated in the Connecticut Latin exam (sponsored by the Classical Association of Connecticut), Forty-five 7th and 8th grade Latin students received awards for outstanding performance on the 2013 Connecticut Latin exam sponsored by the Classical Association of Connecticut--twenty-two 7th graders on the Introductory Level exam and twenty-three 8th graders who took the Level I high school exam. Vida Javidi received a perfect score on the Level I exam!
- We had a very exciting day of history at CCSU with 22 Mansfield Middle School students. The competition was fierce, and five MMS students advanced to the National Competition at the University of Maryland from June 9-13. We wish our middle School students the very best. Mary Pociask, Olivia Lacafra, Ella Gildersleeve, Callie Storrs, and Maggie Chafouleas. MMS Enrichment teachers **Mrs. Kelly Brouse** and **Ms. Elyse Poller** coordinate the school's efforts with social studies teachers in Grades 6, 7 and 8.
<http://www.remindernews.com/article/2013/04/01/history-in-connecticut-celebrated-at-mansfield-middle-school>
- The MMS Jazz Band, along with five other region middle school jazz bands, attended the UConn Middle School Jazz Festival on May 15, 2013. The band put up two numbers for adjudication, *Clocks* and *Respect*, and played with energy and pizzazz! A special *congratulations* goes to the trumpet section (Eshan Sonpal, Josh Sawtelle, Brandon Koehler, Sophia Pratto, Chloe Gibson), which took home the "Best Trumpet Section" award! This means that the Jazz Band has taken all four section awards - saxophone, trombone, trumpet, and rhythm sections - in the past three years, since we first started going to this festival!
- Congratulations to 5th grader Renee Haddad who has won the CT Tree Protective Association's Arbor Day Poster Contest. The theme, *What is my Favorite Tree*, was chosen as the winning artwork to represent the best of Tolland County. Renee and her family were honored at a tree planting ceremony on Friday, April 26th on the grounds of the State Capitol in Hartford.
- On Tuesday, May 14th, our MMS 5th graders headed to the Salt Marsh Players production of *Cinderella*. Students were treated to a preview on May 1st where they learned about opera and how to listen to the words as they are sung. The teachers and students enjoyed the show at the Hyde Cultural Center in Pomfret.
- Congratulations to our MMS Music Department and our young musicians who performed beautifully at the recent Spring concerts. The performances were excellent for students, parents and staff to enjoy.

Upcoming Events in May:

Please join us at any/all of these events

GW	SE	VN
Town Meeting 6/4/13 2:30pm	Suzuki Strings Tour 6/3/13 9:30am	Suzuki Strings Tour 6/3/13 11:00am
Field Day 6/14/13	PTO Meeting 6/3/13 7:00pm	Pen Pal Picnic Gr. 2 6/4/13
Grade 4 Promotion 6/19/13 6:30pm	Pen Pal Picnic Gr. 2 6/4/13	Vinton Fun Fest 6/6/13
Waterslide Day 6/21/13	Florence Griswold Museum Gr. 4 FT 6/4/13	4 th Grade Promotion 6/17/13 7:00pm
	Ice Cream Social 6/7/13 6:30pm	Kindergarten Picnic 6/18/13
	Fun in Our Own Backyard 6/14/13	
	4 th Grade Moving On Ceremony 6/18/13 7:00pm	
	Wax Museum 4 th Gr. FT 6/19/13	
MMS		
Medieval Faire Gr. 7 6/6/13 2:50pm	MMS School Play Performance "Wishing Stone" 6/11/13 3:00-4:00pm	Spanish Food Fiesta Gr. 5 6/12/13 & 6/13/13 8:15am
Horizon's Wings Presentation Gr. 5 6/12/13 1:00pm	Class Picnic Gr. 8 6/18/13 10:00am	Class Night Gr. 8 6/21/13 5:30pm
Closing Ceremony Gr. 8 7:00pm		
District		
Board Workshop Bishop Center Room 146 6/6/13 7:30pm	Board Retirement Party Rome Ballroom 6/10/13 4:00pm	Board of Education Meeting Council Chambers 6/13/13 5:30pm
Last Day of School 6/25/13 Early Dismissal		

Link to District Four Schools Calendar of Events:

<http://www.mansfieldct.gov/content/3607/5184/7573.aspx>

or:

Go to <http://www.mansfieldct.gov/mboe> (Board of Ed. website)

- 1) In the middle at the bottom is a link called "Calendar of Events"
- 2) Click on that link and it will bring you to the calendar.